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Used Christmas Trees Wanted

TIONESTA, PENNSYLVANIA – Don't send your live-cut Christmas tree to the trash after the holidays! Donate it to the 15th Annual Christmas Tree Recycling Program sponsored by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at <u>Tionesta Lake</u>. All trees donated will be used for wildlife enhancement projects at Tionesta Lake. "Recycling a live-cut tree gives it a second life that can benefit Tionesta Lake's environment and increase wildlife habitat," said Jason Quinn, Park Ranger, who is coordinating this year's program.

Residents of Tionesta Borough can donate their used live-cut trees for this worthwhile cause by setting them out adjacent to the road (away from their dwelling and not on a porch). Tree collection will be from December 31, 2005 through January 17, 2006 with weekday pick-up. To avoid confusion, residents are requested not to set out their trees on garbage collection days.

Residents of surrounding communities and merchants with unsold trees can donate them by bringing them to the Information Center parking lot at Tionesta Lake. Trees will be accepted through January 17, 2006.

To be suitable for wildlife projects trees should be as free of decorations as possible, please remove all tinsel, ornaments, lights, garland, stands and plastic bags from the tree. Artificial or flocked trees (with artificial snow) cannot be accepted because they pose a hazard to wildlife.

For more information or questions regarding the Christmas Tree Recycling Program e-mail <u>Jason.C.Quinn@usace.army.mil</u> or call the Tionesta Lake Office at 814-755-3512, Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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